

## AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION  
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA HEREIN CALLED MOT  
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA HEREIN CALLED DOT, CONCERNING RESEARCH  
COOPERATION IN "RAIL CHECKING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES"

Whereas the Ministry of Transports and Telecommunication of  
the Socialist Republic of Romania (MOT) and the Department of  
Transportation of the United States (DOT) are already cooperating  
in the field of transportation research under the Memorandum of  
Understanding of November 1, 1971.

Considering that MOT and DOT representatives have been  
exploring the possibilities for complementary research in the  
improvement of rail defect detection and track quality evaluation  
vehicles and techniques.

Now, therefore, the MOT and DOT hereby record in this  
arrangement under the mentioned Memorandum of Understanding their  
agreement on a program for such research as follows:

1. Information exchange

During 1976 and 1977 information will be exchanged on the  
following subjects:

a. Design and operational characteristics of rail and track  
equipment, including use of special purpose cars and modified conven-  
tional cars and their technical and performance data;

b. Rail and track evaluation methods and techniques, including measuring criteria and equipment;

c. Processing and utilization of data from evaluation operations, including transmittal to operating units and check-up on corrective action.

The exchange of information provided for herein will be accomplished as materials become available.

It will also include the exchange of delegations at such times as are mutually agreed. The exchange of information concerning research performed, in progress or planned will commence within four months of the date hereof.

Each document article, or other publication exchanged will be accompanied by a precis of its substance. To the extent possible, supplementary details concerning the materials exchanged shall be furnished to the receiving side upon request.

The progress of the exchange of information will be monitored by the Program Coordinators designated under the Memorandum of Understanding, who will ensure that their respective cooperating agencies effect a prompt exchange of relevant materials.

## 2. Cooperative Research

At the end of 1977, the Program Coordinators shall convene a meeting of MOT and DOT specialists, in Bucharest or Washington as

may be agreed by the Coordinators, to review the exchange of information and to agree upon the next steps in the cooperative effort which shall have as its objective the improvement of rail defect detection and track quality evaluation equipment and techniques. At the time consideration will be given to the following cooperative possibilities, among others: exchange of rail measuring equipment for testing purposes and the joint development of an improved rail defect detection and track quality evaluation car. Any follow-up activity shall be the subject of a work statement which, after negotiation and agreement by the parties, shall become an integral part of this agreement.

### 3. General Provisions

The cooperating agency for DOT will be the Federal Railroad Administration. The cooperating agency for MOT will be The Institute for Research and Technological Design in Transports. The activities provided for in this agreement are subjected to the necessary internal approvals on each side and to the availability of funds therefor.

The parties may by mutual agreement alter the work schedule provided herein.

The parties may also agree to the exchange of specialists for the joint study of problems related to the subject of this agreement.

Each party will make the best possible effort to assure visiting specialists of the other access to laboratories, plants, and other facilities engaged in activities related to the subject of this agreement.

Done at Washington, D. C., this seventh day of June, 1976, in the English and Romanian languages, both texts being equally authentic.



For The Department of Transportation  
of the United States of America

For The Ministry of Transports  
and Telecommunication of the  
Socialist Republic of Romania

